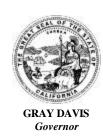
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TO: ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)

PROGRAM DIRECTORS, DEPUTY DIRECTORS, MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, MEDICAL MANAGED CARE PLANS, STATE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF AND

REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

SUBJECT: CHDP PROVIDER INFORMATION NOTICE: 03-24

INFLUENZA VACCINE

Enclosed is CHDP Program Provider Information Notice No.: 03-24, informing providers that the influenza vaccine is now available through the California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program for healthy infants six to 24 months of age. CHDP will reimburse providers for the administration of the influenza vaccine to these infants and toddlers beginning with the 2003-2004 Flu Season. Current coding covers this age group and the "comment" of "high risk factor" is applicable.

Please distribute the enclosed Provider Information Notice, together with the enclosures and without any revisions, to providers in your local program area. Then complete and return a "Report of Distribution" (DHS 4504). The DHS 4504 can be found at www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Nurse Consultant.

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Enclosures



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